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Report Highlights:

This report contains the marketing year (MY) 2019/20 forecast for Croatia's production in wheat, corn, and barley and updated numbers for MY 2018/19.

General Information:

Temperatures in Croatia were quite warm for most of the winter. In January, there was a cold snap, but February was unusually warm. In addition, winter was fairly dry, but April is rainy although it remains to be seen whether this will compensate for the winter and give enough moisture to the winter crops.

Wheat

In MY 2018/19, wheat area was 142,000 ha. Total production was 753,000 MT.

In MY 2019/20, an increase in wheat area (approximately 160,000 ha) is expected due to increased farmer interest better prices with higher quality wheat. This means that they are sowing better quality seeds and applying better agro-technical measures, which was a constraint in previous years. Total production is forecast at 870,000 MT. Under this scenario, Croatia will have over 350,000 MT of wheat for export.

Barley

In MY 2018/19, barley area was 52,000 ha. Total production was 224,000 MT. This was an average year for barley.

It is expected that MY 2019/20 will also be an average year for barley in Croatia with total production forecast at 240,000 MT, a bit higher than in MY2018/19. Imports are expected at 20,000 MT.

Corn

Yield in MY 2018/19 was 2 million MT from 240,000 ha planted.

Yield in 2019/20 is expected to be average on more or less the same planting area. Furthermore, export is expected to remain high (approximately 450,000MT, in accordance with corn availability on the domestic market) due to low demand for feed on the domestic market. This has been the trend over the last few years due to the decreasing number of bovine animals. Droughts are more common and purchase prices for corn are lower when compared to oilseeds.

Tariffs

Tariffs and quota information can be found at http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/taric/taric_consultation.jsp or obtained from the USDA/FAS office in Zagreb by sending a message to AgZagreb@fas.usda.gov.

